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IN RE APPLICATION OF:

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AND METHOD OF DETECTING SALMONELLA

## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND STATEMENT

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SIR:

In response to the Notice of August 1, 2002, Applicants respectfully submit herewith an amendment, a Substitute Sequence Listing, and a computer-readable Sequence Listing.

## **IN THE SPECIFICATION**

At page 28 (Abstract), after the last line, on the next page, please delete the Sequence Listing in its entirety and insert the Substitute Sequence Listing attached hereto.